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SUBJECT: NO HELP FOR IRAQ FROM MADAGASCAR OR THE COMOROS

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Classified By: Ambassador James D. McGee for reasons 1.4 B & D

Madagascar and the Comoros do not presently have the military capability to contribute troops to Iraq. The host governments' will is not the primary problem. Both countries have ill-equipped, poorly trained, and inexperienced military forces relative to the challenges in a theatre such as Iraq.  
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